

# USER NOTES for REMINDater

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## AN INTRODUCTION

With REMINDater, not only will you never have to buy another calendar, but those personally important dates (family Birthdays, Anniversaries, etc.) can be high-lighted and documented on your calendar printout. At a glance, you will be able to tell when an important occasion is coming up and what the occasion is. Special dates, once entered as data for REMINDater, can easily be edited and new dates added as necessary.

## THE PROGRAM

REMINDater loads in two parts and then auto-runs. If you want only to set-up or edit/save date data, the 1520 need not be connected or turned ON. If a calendar printout is desired, the 1520 MUST be turned ON only when the screen prompt advises to do so.

To establish data containing your own special dates, answer "Y" to the 1st prompt: "Mark special dates?". Answer "N" if you want only a calendar printout without special dates. If this is your 1st use of REMINDater, you must answer "N" to the prompt: "Does this copy of REMINDater contain data?" and then proceed to set up your own special date data. Guidelines for entering your special date data are displayed on the screen and will not be duplicated here. Don't worry if you make mistakes entering your date data, you will be given a chance to edit it.

After building your special date data or after answering "Y" to the "data contained with REMINDater?" prompt, you are asked if you want to edit the data. Answering "Y" will allow you to view, change (edit), delete, or add new date data. An informative screen display will remind you of the editing commands at your disposal. A series of short "beeps" will alert you to an entry that the computer has found to be unacceptable.

When finished editing (if you chose to edit), you will be asked whether or not you want to save REMINDater with date data. The save is done in two parts: first is REMINDater BASIC and data, and second is the 1520 driver: "pdr" CODE. Be sure to press a key to initiate part two of the save. After a save, if you chose not to save, you will be asked if you want to make a calendar printout. Answer "N" if the 1520 is not connected or if you were using REMINDater only to set-up or edit data. If you elect to have a printout made, you will then have to specify the month and year for the printout to begin, and how many months you want printed. REMINDater will stop after the printout. To re-enter REMINDater, type <GOTO 30>.

## SPECIAL NOTES

- > REMINDater is set up to hold a maximum of 100 special dates. This capacity may easily be adjusted up or down to fit your requirements. Data is stored in the string variable array d\$; where the size of this array is set by the variable "dmax" in line 40. By adjusting dmax you can set a new limit to the number of special dates. The variable "dmax" should not be much more than 600 or you will risk running out of memory. To assign a new value to dmax, load and BREAK into REMINDater when "TURN RE-CORDER OFF/TURN 1520 ON" is displayed. Edit dmax in line 40 and re-enter the program by typing as a direct command: <GOTO 30>.
- > Should you, or the result of a bad save, BREAK the running of REMINDater, enter as a direct command: <GOTO 30>. No data will be lost by doing this. <RUN 30> will erase your data.
- > If the message(s) you wish to be attached to a particular date exceed the 37 character/entry limit, continue to make as many entries as needed, specifying the same date each time.
- > For best results when printing to a fresh roll of paper..... slightly unroll the paper as necessary during printing to provide some slack. Sometimes the 1520 cannot feed from a large roll of paper by itself & printing/plotting becomes distorted.
- > For a different printout color scheme, try switching the plotter's ink pens around in their cartridge.